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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to you about the Microsoft settlement.

I am James Risner from 1600 Woodspring Court, Lexington KY. I have owned an ISP since 1995 in Kentucky.

The 1995 Consent Decree is nearly identical to the settlement. It is my belief that they will violate the settlement just as they did they decree.

Microsoft destroyed Netscape because it was a threat to their OS system.

Microsoft put code in that would post an error and fail to run Windows 3.1 when ran with a a DOS other than MSDOS or IBMDOS at the time. This prevented the use of Dr DOS at the time.

Microsoft copied Stac compression for their own compressed filesystem code. Stac sued and won \$120 million settlement, but by the time the money was delivered Stac no longer had a product since Microsoft produced a clean room version of the code.

The settlement requires "secret" API to be published but defines it narrowly so that not all API would be required to be published.

Many other narrow provisions allow Microsoft to place independent software vendors in the position of not being able to keep their product supported in newer Windows version since they do not get advance warning of significant operating system changes.

The 1995 consent decree prohibited anticompetitive license terms, but did so narrowly such that these type of terms continued in Microsoft's Internet products, media players, software development products, and enterprise purchasing license agreements. The same action considered bad and anticompetitive in one situation, should be consider bad in all instances.

It is my belief that Microsoft has no intention of obeying this command and will continue to attempt to interpret loopholes they can use to continue their actions using their \$40 billion in cash to defend against any action the government attempts to curtail their illegal behaviour.

Microsoft has done more hard to the economy that healing. I wish

I could say there was a viable alternative to their product that I use daily, but I would be lying. This is certainly not due to any effort of the part of their competitors.

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